

the first information for each registrant including at least [one name for] the [registrant] registrant's name;

a second data entry system capable of receiving second information, the second information including a list of potential gifts which the registrant has identified and a unique identifier associated with the particular merchant having each of the desired gifts;

a database storage system that stores and retrieves the first and second information about the registrant and the unique identifier associated with the particular merchant having each of the desired gifts; and

a display system that displays the list of potential gifts for a particular registrant and information about the particular merchants the desired gifts are from, including the unique identifier associated with the particular merchant having each of the desired gifts, in response to an inquiry from a prospective purchaser.

2. The gift registry as in claim 1 wherein the first data entry system is a touch screen system.

3. The gift registry as in claim 1 wherein the second data entry system comprises a transfer device electrically connected to the computer system and a portable device.

4. The gift registry as in claim 3 wherein the portable device is a hand held scanning device.

5. The gift registry as in claim 4 wherein the transfer device is a docking station for the portable hand held scanning device.

6. The gift registry as in claim 1 wherein the second data entry system identifies each participating merchant by a unique identifier.

7. The gift registry as in claim 6 wherein the unique identifier is in the form of a digitally encoded value embodied in a bar code.

8. The gift registry as in claim 1 further comprising updating means for updating the database storage system as a prospective purchaser buys a gift from the list of potential gifts for a particular registrant.

9. (Amended) A system for registering items selected by a registrant from a plurality of participating merchants for subsequent communication to a prospective purchaser, the system comprising:

a gift registry [kiosk disposed proximate the stores of a plurality of merchants in a shopping area, each of said merchants participating in the gift registry, the gift registry kiosk having a] computer system containing identifying information about a registrant, the information for each registrant including at least [one name for the registrant] the registrant's name and a list of potential gifts which the registrant has identified;

a portable input and storage device for use by the registrant with a plurality of participating merchants, the input and storage device being capable of receiving and storing information regarding the registrant's desired gifts including the merchant each desired gift is from, wherein the input and storage device stores a unique identifier for the particular merchant each desired gift is from;

a transfer device connected to the gift registry computer system that receives the information regarding the registrant's desired gifts from the portable input and storage device and transfers the information to the gift registry computer system; and

a prospective purchaser interface device that allows a prospective purchaser to view a list of the goods desired by the registrant wherein the list includes information about the particular merchant each gift is from.

10. The gift registry as in claim 9 wherein the portable device is a hand held scanning device .

registrant, the multi-merchant gift registry system comprising:

first data entry means through which first information, including at least a registrant name, are entered into said gift registry system;

second data entry means capable of receiving second information, including data identifying potential gifts which said registrant has selected and a unique merchant identifier associated with each of said potential gifts;

database storage means for storing and retrieving said first information and said second information; and

display means for displaying registrant gift data, that identifies at least one of said potential gifts for a particular registrant and the particular merchant associated with said at least one of said potential gifts, in response to an inquiry from a prospective purchaser.

16. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 15 wherein said second data entry means comprises:

bar code scanner means for reading bar code data imprinted on said potential gifts.

17. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 16 further comprising: data transfer means for transmitting said second information read by said bar code scanner to said database storage means.

18. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 17 wherein said data transfer means comprises:

modem means for establishing a communication connection via a communication medium to said database storage means.

19. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 17 wherein said data transfer means comprises:

wireless link means for transmitting said second information read by said bar

code scanner to said database storage means.

20. A multi-merchant gift registry system for registering items, that are selected by a registrant from items available from a plurality of merchants, as possible gifts for the registrant, the multi-merchant gift registry system comprising:

at least one registrant terminal device comprising:

first data entry means through which first information, including at least a registrant name, are entered into said gift registry system,

second data entry means capable of receiving second information, including data identifying potential gifts which said registrant has selected and a unique merchant identifier associated with each of said potential gifts;

server means in communication with said at least one registrant terminal device, comprising:

database storage means for storing and retrieving said first information and said second information, and

display means for displaying registrant gift data, that identifies at least one of said potential gifts for a particular registrant and the particular merchant associated with said at least one of said potential gifts, in response to an inquiry from a prospective purchaser.

21. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 20 wherein said second data entry means comprises:

bar code scanner means for reading bar code data imprinted on said potential gifts.

22. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 21 wherein said at least one registrant terminal device further comprises:

data transfer means for transmitting said second information read by said bar code scanner to said database storage means.

23. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 22 wherein said data transfer means comprises:

modem means for establishing a communication connection from said at least one registrant terminal device via a communication medium to said server means.

24. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 20 wherein said display means comprises:

means for transmitting said registrant gift data, that identifies at least one of said potential gifts for a particular registrant and the particular merchant associated with said at least one of said potential gifts, to a terminal device of a prospective purchaser in response to an inquiry from said prospective purchaser.

25. A method of operating a multi-merchant gift registry system for registering items, that are selected by a registrant from items available from a plurality of merchants, as possible gifts for the registrant, the multi-merchant gift registry system comprising at least one registrant terminal device for enabling a registrant to enter registrant gift data into said gift registry system and a server to receive and store said registrant gift data, said method of operating a multi-merchant gift registry system, comprising the steps of:

entering first data, including at least a registrant name, into said gift registry system via said registrant terminal device;

entering second data, including data identifying potential gifts which said registrant has selected and a unique merchant identifier associated with each of said potential gifts, into said gift registry system via said registrant terminal device;

storing and retrieving said first information and said second information in a database; and

displaying to a prospective purchaser registrant gift data, that identifies at least one of said potential gifts for a particular registrant and the particular merchant associated with said at least one of said potential gifts, in response to an inquiry from said prospective purchaser.

26. The method of operating a multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 25 wherein said step of entering second data comprises:

activating a bar code scanner to read bar code data imprinted on said potential gifts.

27. The method of operating a multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 26 further comprising:

transmitting said second information read by said bar code scanner to said database.

28. The method of operating a multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 26 wherein said step of transmitting comprises:

establishing a communication connection from said at least one registrant terminal device via a communication medium to said server.

29. The multi-merchant gift registry system of claim 25 wherein said step of displaying comprises:

transmitting said registrant gift data, that identifies at least one of said potential gifts for a particular registrant and the particular merchant associated with said at least one of said potential gifts, to a terminal device of a prospective purchaser in response to an inquiry from said prospective purchaser.

Remarks

The Patent Owner has filed this Reissue Patent Application to correct an error in the patent, which error was made without any deceptive intention and arises out of an error in the conduct of the prosecution of the patent application which became the patent. The error consists of language in independent claims 1 and 9 which resulted in the Patent Owner claiming less than he had a right to claim in the patent. Independent claims 1 and 9 are too narrow in scope due to the use of the limitation "kiosk" therein,